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For : PRISMATIC BATTERY MODULE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on February 28, 2002, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated April 16, 2002 for corresponding European Application No. EP 01 31 0056, to the attention of the Examiner:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 962 993, published on December 8, 1999, was cited as a Y-Category document (i.e., particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category) with respect to claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 of EP 01 03 0056;

U.S. Patent No. 5,766,798 to BECHTOLD et al., issued on June 16, 1998, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 of EP 01 03 0056;

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U.S. Patent No. 4,046,062 to MATTER, issued on September 6, 1977, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., technological background) with respect to claims 1-8, 15 and 16 of EP 01 03 0056;

U.S. Patent No. 3,336,164 to MILLER, issued on August 15, 1967 was cited as an A-category document;

U.S. Patent No. 2,942,055 to DOYLE et al., issued on June 21, 1960 was cited as an A- category document; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,871,861 to HIROKOU et al., issued on February 16, 1999 was cited as an A-category document.

Copies of the above-mentioned documents, as well as a copy of the European Search Report, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

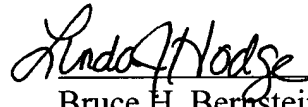
Further, Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not been issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing

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this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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